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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Attorney Docket No. Lifton 4-2

In re application of: Victor A. Lifton and Anatoli Olkhovets

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For: Charge Screening in Electrostatically Driven Devices

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed on 04/13/2006 contains an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

The Statement appears to refer to the subject matter of independent claims 1, 17, 37, and 38. The Applicant submits that the application also has independent claims 31, 32, 33, and 35 to whose subject matter the Statement appears not to refer. To that extent, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

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Furthermore, the Statement contains language that attempts to characterize the claimed subject matter of claims 1, 17, and 37. The Applicant submits, however, that the language in the Statement differs from that in the claims. To the extent that the Statement differs from the language of any of the independent claims, the Applicant rejects any narrowing or limitations that might possibly result from such differences.

For each of these reasons individually and for all these reasons collectively, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

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